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MSP Hosts Black History Month Conversation

(TIMONIUM, MD) — Maryland State Police’s past, present and future gathered at the State Fairgrounds on Feb. 16 for a roundtable discussion as part of the Department’s Black History Month celebration.

Entitled, “An Opportunity for Celebration & Conversation: A Plain Clothes Approach to Building Relationships,” the discussion allowed sworn and civilian members of the Department to have a frank discussion on race relations as it relates to MSP and where progress is needed.

The 10 panelists offered insight into a wide range of topics, including racism, recruiting more minority candidates and the progress of the Department since Captain Milton Taylor was hired as the first Black trooper in 1957.

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MSP's Past, Present, Future Reflect On Building Relationships In the Department



"It's good to know that my hard work is being recognized. My biggest accomplishment was being named Trooper of the Year for Golden Ring Barrack in 2015 and then again for my unit in 2021," says Senior Trooper Tyreze Braxton, assigned to the Criminal Enforcement Division. "I knew MSAT is where I wanted to be in the Department and I worked my way there. Locating and apprehending wanted fugitives is our top priority which means I am providing safety to a community where I grew up....that's rewarding to me."

~Senior Trooper Tyreze Braxton, CED MSAT



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~Captain Kenny Brown, CED



"The Maryland State Police introduced me to professionalism up close when I received my first ever speeding ticket," says Sergeant Byram Hunt. "The way the trooper conducted himself during that interaction on I-95, made a lasting impression. Years later, I moved to Maryland, graduated from the Academy, and was assigned to JFK Highway Barrack, working the same patrol where I first came into contact with the Maryland State Police. Now I am the one making an impression while working to maintain the reputation of Maryland's finest by representing the agency as law enforcement and as an example of diversity."

~Sergeant Byram Hunt, Internal Affairs Unit



"Building relationships is important in this job. I saw how people respected my father as a trooper and as a person," says Trooper Kyle Hunt. "He took care of his family at home and his family of troopers and support staff at work. It motivated me to do the same."

~Trooper Kyle Hunt, Golden Ring Barrack



"They used to call me Mama at the barracks. I looked after our troopers and they looked after me," says Retired Police Communications Operator Dora Smith. "Black History Month is important and having these conversations is important because no matter the color of your skin, people need to learn and understand where we came from and how we can all appreciate what we have today and move forward."

~PCO Retired, Dora Smith



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PHOTOS: MSP Plunges Again In Support Of Special Olympics Maryland



Congrats to all of those participated in last month's Police Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Maryland. Law enforcement agencies across the state raised more than \$180,000. This included nearly \$22,000 from the 156th Trooper Candidate Class, nearly \$12,000 from the Maryland State Police Cadets, \$4,076 from the Golden Ring Barrack and \$2,759 from the MSP Aviation Command.



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Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller, Forensic Sciences Division Celebrate Women & Girls In Science Day

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Lt. Governor Aruna Miller joined Maryland State Police then-Acting Superintendent Lt. Colonel Dalaine M. Brady and staff from the MSP Forensic Sciences Division to recognize International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science began in 2015 when the United Nations General Assembly established the date in order “to achieve full and equal access to and

participation in science for women and girls.” The day is also dedicated as a way to help further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

As part of the recognition of the day, Lt. Gov. Miller and those with the Maryland State Police, along with a group of female students from Western Tech High School toured the Forensic Sciences Division Laboratory in Pikesville.

The tour of the laboratory offered a stark reminder of how the



Forensic Sciences Division continues to serve as the model laboratory for the analysis of forensic evidence in the State of Maryland.

Approximately 80 percent of the Forensic Sciences Division staff is female. Females also account for 74 percent of those enrolled in undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs nationally. At the same time, only 33 percent of scientific researchers worldwide are women, according to the United Nations.

“When looking beyond

forensic science to other STEM disciplines, women are typically under-represented in the workforce,” said Wanda Kuperus, deputy director of the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division. “This means there is still work to do to empower girls and women to pursue education and careers in all areas of science. As women, every hurdle (no matter how small or large) that we’ve overcome in the pursuit of our education and careers, has helped clear the path for women and girls behind us .”



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Aviation Command Personnel Deploy For Military Service In Support Of Operation Inherent Resolve



On Feb. 6, Governor Wes Moore attended the deployment ceremony for Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, Maryland Army National Guard at Weide Army Heliport on Aberdeen Proving Ground. It was a special day because three Maryland State Police employees deployed together to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Sgt. Joshua Chason, Cpl. Ronald Teller and Mr. Jonathan Noble are with the CH-47 Chinook unit and all from the Maryland State Police Aviation Command. We wish them well and eagerly await their safe return home.



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Major Tawn Gregory, Col. (Ret.) Marcus L. Brown, Col. (Ret.) David B. Mitchell, Lt. Col. Dalaine M. Brady, Col. (Ret.) Elmer H. Tippet, Col. (Ret.) William M. Pallozzi and Major Daniel Pickett recently toured the MSP Museum.

Retired Superintendents Tour Maryland State Police Museum

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Last month, former Maryland State Police Superintendents William M. Pallozzi, Marcus L. Brown, David B. Mitchell and Elmer H. Tippet paid a visit to Pikesville to tour the MSP Museum and view the museum's Winter Exhibit: "East to West: A Home Away From Home."

The quartet of retired superintendents served the Maryland State Police over a 33-year span. Col. Tippet headed the department from 1987 to

1993, followed by Col. Mitchell from 1995 to 2003, Col. Brown from 2011 to 2015 and Col. Pallozzi from 2015 to 2020.

All four of the former leaders of the Department were impressed with the progress being made in the development of the museum and were excited to see how the Department was taking steps to ensure its history dating back to 1921 was preserved so that future generations could learn the story of the Maryland State Police.



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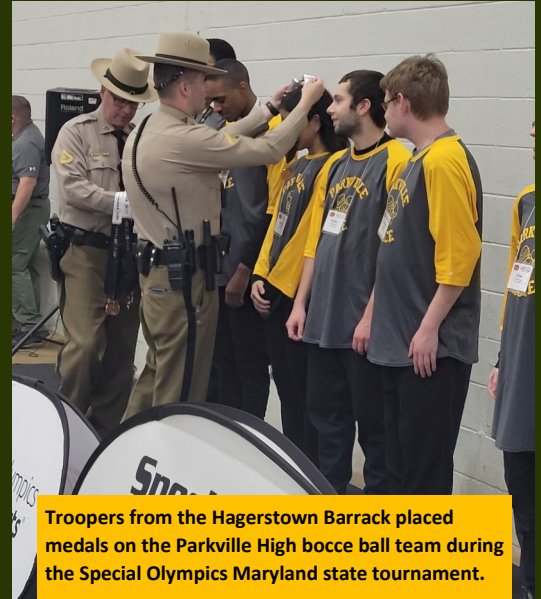


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PHOTOS: MSP In The Community



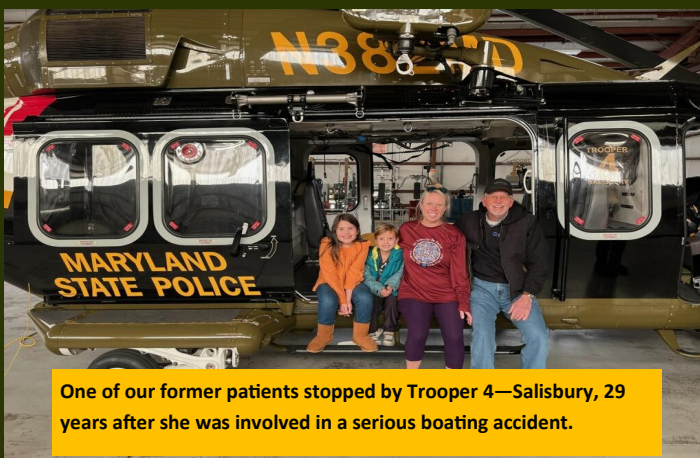
Anchor Church Clubhouse Kids from Friendsville recently stopped by the McHenry Barrack as part of their "We Love Our First Responders" Outreach.



Troopers from the Hagerstown Barrack placed medals on the Parkville High bocce ball team during the Special Olympics Maryland state tournament.



Cpl. Burton and M/Tpr. Johnson of the Golden Ring Barrack were accompanied by Cpl. Hirsch and K-9 partner Pascal, as they met with students from St. John's Lutheran School.



One of our former patients stopped by Trooper 4—Salisbury, 29 years after she was involved in a serious boating accident.



Trooper Thoren of the Golden Ring Barrack spent a recent day with a group of Girls Scouts at Fallston United Methodist Church.

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MSP Spotlight: Captain Kenny Brown

Meet Captain Kenny Brown. Captain Brown began his MSP career as a Cadet in March 1998. Currently, he commands the Criminal Enforcement Division/ Interdiction for the Northern Region of Maryland.

What made you want to join MSP?

As a child growing up on the east side of Baltimore City, at around 10 years of age, retired MSP Sergeant Dwayne Lightsey Sr., a member of my church, joined the MSP... Conversely, my neighbor, retired MSP Trooper First Class Jeffery Green, joined MSP a few years later...

Sgt. Lightsey and TFC Green's uniforms were always sharp, and their patrol vehicles were spotless. Additionally, their military-style bearing was something that inspired me to want to become a trooper.

What do you enjoy most about your current job?

I love to teach, mentor, and work alongside the next generation of leaders within the MSP. As the commander of the business region



with the criminal enforcement division (CED), I have a front-row seat that is also shared by some of the best men and women the MSP has to offer, who display their talents, commitment to duty and teamwork every day to achieve the agency's mission and bring justice to victims and a voice to the voiceless.

How do you mentor young troopers who serve under your command?

I mentor my troopers by putting them in leadership roles at every opportunity possible. I also echo this throughout my region,

ensuring that my commanders and supervisor do the same. From the newest trooper to the most senior, they are put into positions leading joint operations, chairing meetings, or providing input to local, state, federal and private sector stakeholders .

What advice would you give to someone thinking about applying to MSP today?

Your career path within MSP is all in what you inspire it to be through hard work, focus, and dedication, whatever it is you want for yourself.

The opportunity is yours. Be bold and courageous, and someday, you will, like I did, pinch yourself the moment when you are standing in uniform on the White House lawn listening to the President of the United States proudly as a Maryland State Trooper from Baltimore City.

MSP Spotlight is a new feature in IMPACT. If you would like to highlight someone — sworn or civilian — please email your nomination to msh.media@maryland.gov with the Subject Line: MSP Spotlight.

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